

JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK
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Yolo Superior Court Honors Jurors During Juror Appreciation Week

Woodland—The Superior Court of Yolo County is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week, May 11-15 to acknowledge the service of local citizens as jurors. *“We look forward to recognizing the service of our fellow citizens and welcome the community to visit the court this week,” said Presiding Judge Rosenberg.* Each juror will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the presiding judge for his or her service.

The second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to recognize the important contributions of citizens in devoting their time and effort in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality.” Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event.

In 2007 statewide, thousands of Californians participated in jury service:

- Approximately 10 million people were summoned to jury service;
- 3,111,843 prospective jurors were eligible and available to serve;
- 2,417,679 completed service in one day; and
- 178, 566 jurors were sworn;

“We in the Court want each and every juror, and future jurors, to know how much your participation and contribution to our American system of justice is appreciated,” said Presiding Judge Rosenberg. “Trial by jury is a cherished constitutional right and jury service is an obligation of citizenship. Thank you for spending your valuable time in the courthouse.”

According to Edwina Harper, Jury Services Supervisor, “We have some special plans for our jurors during Jury Appreciation Week. During the week of May 11 – 15, 2009, we will be serving cookies, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice in the Jury Assembly Room. Every juror who appears during this week will receive a Certificate of Special Recognition signed by the Honorable Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California, and the Honorable David Rosenberg, Yolo Superior Court’s Presiding Judge. In addition, we plan to hand out mechanical pencils, refrigerator magnets, word search puzzles, and “I Served” stickers to all jurors appearing for jury service.”

For further information, contact Edwina Harper, Jury Services Supervisor at (530) 406-6828.

For information about California jury service, go to <http://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/JuryServices/> or visit <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury>.

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